

Saskatchewan Consumer Price Index

November 2008

According to Statistics Canada, the Saskatchewan All-items Consumer Price Index decreased 0.2 percent between October 2008 and November 2008 while the Canada All-items Index declined 0.3 percent. The Regina and Saskatoon All-items Consumer Price Index both fell 0.2 percent during the same period.

In Saskatchewan, the November All-items Index decreased from October 2008 primarily due to lower prices for gasoline, traveller accommodations, telephone services and inter-city transportation. Prices also fell for housing replacement cost, men's clothing and women's clothing.

Moderating these decreases were higher prices for the purchase and leasing of passenger vehicles, passenger vehicle parts – maintenance and repairs and personal care supplies and equipment. Prices also rose for mortgage interest cost, fresh vegetables, fresh fruit and natural gas.

The Saskatchewan All-items Consumer Price Index advanced 3.2 percent between November 2007 and November 2008 while the Canada All-items Index increased 2.0 percent. The Regina and Saskatoon All-items Consumer Price Index climbed 3.6 percent and 3.1 percent, respectively, during the same period.

The November All-items Index increased from November 2007 primarily due to higher prices for housing replacement cost, mortgage interest cost, rent and natural gas. Prices also rose for food purchased from restaurants, fresh vegetables and bakery products.

These increases were partially offset by lower prices for gasoline, purchase and leasing of passenger vehicles, purchase and operation of recreational vehicles and recreational equipment and services (excluding recreational vehicles). Prices also fell for women's clothing, footwear and home entertainment equipment.

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ALL-ITEMS
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
SASKATCHEWAN AND CANADA

	Index		Percent Change	
	<u>Nov. 2008</u>	<u>Oct. 2008</u>	<u>Oct. 2008</u>	<u>Nov. 2007</u>
	(2002 = 100)		to	to
			<u>Nov. 2008</u>	<u>Nov. 2008</u>
SASKATCHEWAN				
All-Items	116.7	116.9	-0.2	3.2
Food	120.3	118.0	1.9	8.4
Shelter	139.6	139.2	0.3	9.0
Household Operations and Furnishings	101.9	101.7	0.2	0.8
Clothing and Footwear	93.5	94.8	-1.4	-3.0
Transportation	109.7	113.3	-3.2	-3.4
Health and Personal Care	108.4	106.2	2.1	2.1
Recreation, Education and Reading	103.5	104.0	-0.5	-0.1
Tobacco and Alcohol	129.8	129.4	0.3	2.0
All-Items Excluding Energy	115.2	113.9	1.1	3.6
Energy	130.3	145.4	-10.4	-0.7
CANADA				
All-Items	114.1	114.5	-0.3	2.0
Food	119.5	117.4	1.8	7.4
Shelter	123.4	123.2	0.2	3.9
Household Operations and Furnishings	105.5	105.2	0.3	2.1
Clothing and Footwear	94.1	94.4	-0.3	-2.4
Transportation	113.2	117.0	-3.2	-3.0
Health and Personal Care	110.1	109.2	0.8	1.9
Recreation, Education and Reading	101.9	103.0	-1.1	-0.1
Tobacco and Alcohol	128.5	128.0	0.4	1.6
All-Items Excluding Energy	112.8	111.8	0.9	2.6
Energy	130.7	147.5	-11.4	-4.2
REGINA				
All-Items	116.4	116.6	-0.2	3.6
SASKATOON				
All-Items	117.8	118.0	-0.2	3.1

Note: These indices measure the percent change in consumer prices within each geographic area. The indices do not compare price levels between Saskatchewan, Canada, Regina or Saskatoon.

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PERCENT CHANGE
CANADA AND PROVINCES

	Percent Change	
	<u>Oct. 2008</u> to <u>Nov. 2008</u>	<u>Nov. 2007</u> to <u>Nov. 2008</u>
Canada	-0.3	2.0
Newfoundland	-0.7	2.4
Prince Edward Island	-1.4	2.3
Nova Scotia	-1.2	1.3
New Brunswick	-0.7	0.6
Quebec	-0.5	1.4
Ontario	-0.2	2.1
Manitoba	-0.4	2.7
Saskatchewan	-0.2	3.2
Alberta	0.1	2.1
British Columbia	-0.4	2.0
Whitehorse	-0.3	3.5
Yellowknife	-0.2	4.7
Iqaluit	0.7	3.4

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PERCENT CHANGE
CANADIAN CITIES

	Percent Change	
	<u>Oct. 2008</u> to <u>Nov. 2008</u>	<u>Nov. 2007</u> to <u>Nov. 2008</u>
St. John's	-0.6	2.6
Charlottetown-Summerside	-1.4	2.3
Halifax	-1.1	1.2
Saint John	-0.7	0.7
Quebec City	-0.5	1.4
Montreal	-0.4	1.5
Ottawa	-0.3	2.2
Toronto	-0.2	2.3
Thunder Bay	-0.1	2.4
Winnipeg	-0.5	2.6
Regina	-0.2	3.6
Saskatoon	-0.2	3.1
Edmonton	0.1	2.2
Calgary	0.2	2.4
Vancouver	-0.4	2.3
Victoria	-0.4	2.1
Whitehorse	-0.3	3.5
Yellowknife	-0.2	4.7
Iqaluit	0.7	3.4

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